Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION P.O. Box 135 Lunenburg, MA 01462-0135



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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION September 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Posted: Yes Place: The Ritter Building

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: J. Lattanzi, G. Stillman, J. Mendoza, D. MacMillan, R. Trakimas.

Minutes Approval: August 22, 2013 Minutes approved.

Discussion followed concerning drafting letter to local farmers to gather information for creation of directory of farm services and products. Possibility of posting on future AGCOM website was considered. J. Mendoza to draft letter for next meeting.

Extension of land lease agreements was discussed, including proper soil management, length of time required to prepare soil, and procurement of current lease regulations for review.

Right to Farm By-Law draft was provided by Jan Carrier/Open Space Commission. Draft was read by J. Lattanzi and reviewed by members. Issues discussed included acreage requirements, commercial and amateur farming, zoning regulations, and the town definitions of "farm" and "farming."

Farmer's Market update concluded with the decision to invite the market manager to a meeting for discussion of market policies and promotion.

Meeting was opened to public and topics included pending scenic by-way designation concerns, the possibility of reviving the Grange and 4H in town, and culverts and access to land locked town owned parcels.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm at The Ritter Building and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey L. Mendoza